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- II  Priority
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- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:<sup>\*</sup> the international application as originally filed the description:

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

The present invention relates to a device for and a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal, and it comprises means for measuring milk flow from at least two teats of the udder and comparing these values and determining a deviation from a predetermined comparison value, which would indicate disease.

The cited US 5016569 reveals a method and device for detecting disease of a cow's udder by measuring the flow and milking time for each udder quarter and comparing these values with a predetermined value. A set deviation would indicate disease.

The cited Japanese abstract JP 5317343 teaches how to diagnose mastitis at an early stage by measuring the milk quantity for each teat, calculating the ratio of this value with the value of the total milk quantity from the udder, and comparing this ratio with previous values.

The cited EP 0534564 shows a method where inter alia the milk flow or milk quantity from each teat on an udder is measured and compared to some set value thereby indicating an abnormality.

The present method differs in that it measures the milk flow from the teats and compares these values in pairs. Cf. claim 2 where the pair is either the forward pair or the rearward pair.

The invention is novel and not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention is industrially applicable.

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**A device for and a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal****BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION AND PRIOR ART**

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The present invention refers to a device for detecting a disease of the udder of an animal, comprising means for appreciating a parameter related to the quantity of milk extracted from a first teat and at least a second teat of said animal during at least one milking operation, means arranged to determine a deviation of said parameter of the first teat from a comparison value, and means arranged to display said deviation as an indication of an inflammation of the first teat in the case that said deviation exceeds a certain level. Moreover, the invention refers to a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal.

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The present invention is concerned with udder inflammation of animals, i.e. mastitis, which may be caused by an infection of microorganisms, such as bacteria, but also be the result of a trauma or hormonal imbalances. In all milk production, mastitis constitutes a significant problem with respect to animal comfort, increased workload, reduced production capacity, etc.

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In the past, different methods and devices have been proposed for identifying mastitis. Such methods and devices include, for instance, conductivity and temperature measurements on the milk extracted. Such measurements require a rather complicated equipment and the result thereof is still not very reliable. It is also known to identify mastitis by means of laboratory tests, which although reliable is rather inconvenient, since it might take many days before the result of such a test is received by the farmer.

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Furthermore, it is known that one part of the udder of a cow, i.e. a quarter of the udder, may be inflamed by mastitis whereas the other quarters thereof are still healthy. Consequently, it is  
5 important to be able to identify any inflammation on an individual teat basis, i.e. for each quarter udder.

- US-A-4 325 028 discloses one example of a device for measuring the conductivity of the milk from each individual teat in a milk  
10 conduit between the teatcup and the claw in order to identify mastitis. The measurement equipment comprises a receiving device, provided in each such milk conduit and having electrodes located therein, and an electronic evaluation device. The constructions of the receiving devices are not described more  
15 closely. The aim of the device disclosed is to enable the determination whether the conductivity value of the milk from an individual teat is abnormal and thus whether any udder part is inflamed.
- 20 EP-B-137 367 discloses a milking device comprising measurement equipment for detecting the milk flow from an individual teat. The value detected may be employed for determining when the milking from this teat is to be interrupted. The measurement equipment comprises two electrodes for each milk flow to be detected.
- 25 US-A-5 116 119 discloses an apparatus for measuring the milk flow through a flow channel. By means of electromagnetic radiation, the momentary volume and the momentary velocity of the milk flowing through the channel may be determined.  
30 Consequently, it is possible to determine the milk quantity of each milking operation.
- JP-A-5 317 343 discloses a device for diagnosing mastitis. The quantity of milk from each udder part of a cow is measured during  
35 one milking operation. The relation between the milk quantity from each udder part and the total quantity is calculated. If the

calculated relation deviates from the previously calculated relation by at least a pre-set value it is determined that the udder part in question is suffering from mastitis.

## 5 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide a device and a method for detecting a disease, in particular an inflammation, of an individual teat in a simple and reliable manner.

10 This object is obtained by the device initially defined and characterized in that the determining means is arranged to define said comparison value by including the level of said parameter regarding said second teat during the milking operation. It has  
15 appeared that a deviation in the quantity of milk produced by a teat in relation to a normal quantity may indicate mastitis in the udder and the particular teat from which the milk has been extracted. Consequently, by making use of this knowledge it is possible to detect mastitis in an easy and convenient manner and thereby take  
20 appropriate measures at an early stage to prevent the disease from infecting further udder parts or animals. It has been found that if the milk quantity of one udder part deviates from the milk quantity of an other udder part of one animal, there is high probability that the udder deviating is infected by mastitis. The  
25 quantity of milk from one udder normally forms a certain percentage of the total milk quantity from the udder. Any deviation, especially reduction, of said percentage may indicate mastitis in the actual teat or udder part. Moreover, the first teat and said second teat may form one of a rearward pair of teats of the udder  
30 or a forward pair of teats of the udder. The milk yield from corresponding udder parts, e.g. from the two rear udder parts, is normally essentially equal whereas the milk yield from the rear udder parts is normally greater than the milk yield from the forward udder parts. Trials have shown that the difference in milk yield  
35 from a healthy udder part and an inflamed corresponding udder part might be 23%. By comparing corresponding udder parts in this

manner, no historical data regarding previous milking operations are necessary for the indication of mastitis. Moreover, normal variations in the milk yield need not be considered according to this embodiment. The comparison value may be based on one 5 single second teat or on two or three second teats, for instance, forming an average value of the remaining second teats.

According to a further embodiment of the present invention, said 10 comparison value includes the level of said parameter of at least one preceding milking operation of said animal. It is also possible to compare, for instance, the milk yield from different milking operations of one and the same teat or udder part. By collecting such historical data over a longer period of time, it is possible to determine a normal average parameter regarding the milk yield, 15 which then may be included in the comparison value. Preferably, the determining means is arranged to consider the time interval between the milking operation and the immediately preceding milking operation of said animal for determining said deviation. For instance, in voluntary milking systems, the time interval between 20 successive milking operations may vary. In order to obtain a comparable value of said parameter, it is advantageous to take account of this time interval.

According to a further embodiment of the present invention, said 25 parameter includes the quantity of milk produced during said milking operation and the appreciating means comprises a milk measuring device. In such a manner, a milk meter or any other liquid measuring device, such as any kind of liquid flow meter, may be employed for each teat or udder part for determining said 30 parameter.

According to a further embodiment of the present invention, said 35 parameter includes the time duration of said milking operation and the appreciating means includes a time measuring device. It is appreciated that the duration of the milking operation of one teat or udder part reflects the quantity of milk obtained during this milking

operation. Consequently, by comparing the time duration of, for instance, the milking operation of two corresponding udder parts or between two successive milking operations of one teat or udder part, it is possible in an easy and convenient manner to detect an 5 inflammation of an udder part.

- The above object is also obtained by the method initially defined and comprising the steps of:
- appreciating a parameter related to the quantity of milk extracted 10 from a first teat and at least a second teat of said animal during at least one milking operation,
- defining a comparison value by including the level of said parameter regarding said second teat during said milking operation,
- 15 determining a deviation of said parameter of the first teat from said comparison value, and
- indicating an inflammation of the first teat in the case that said deviation exceeds a certain level.
- 20 Advantageous embodiments of the method are defined in the dependent claims 9 to 14.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- 25 The present invention will now be described more closely by means of various embodiments and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which
- 30 Fig 1 shows a schematic view of a device according to the present invention, and
- Fig 2 shows a part of a device according to the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS EMBODIMENTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Fig 1 discloses a device for indicating mastitis in any of the teats or udder parts of an animal. The device according to the invention is connected to a milking machine, which may be of a conventional type and which is merely represented in the drawings by four teatcups 1, 2, 3 and 4 and four milk conduits 5 connecting each teatcup 1-4 to a milk-receiving member of the milking machine.

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In the following it is referred to milking of a respective teat. However, by this expression is meant milking of a respective udder part, i.e. one of the two rear udder parts or one of the two front udder parts. As an example, the teatcups 1, 4 may be intended for milking of the front udder parts whereas the teatcups 2, 3 are intended for milking of the rear udder parts.

The device comprises a processing unit 6 provided to determine a deviation in a parameter related to the quantity of milk extracted from any of the four teats from a comparison value. The processing unit 6 is connected to or incorporates a display member 7. The display member 7 may be of a number of different types. For instance a screen, a number of indicating lamps or diodes, one for each teat, producing a light signal when a teat is inflamed, or any display disclosing the size of the deviation leaving to the farmer to conclude if the deviation indicates an inflammation or not. Furthermore, the processing unit 6 may be connected to or incorporate a time measuring unit 8 arranged to measure the duration of a milking operation of a teat and/or the time period between two successive milking operations of a teat.

Furthermore, the device according to the invention comprises appreciating means 9, one for each teatcup 1-4. The construction and function of the appreciating means 9 may vary according to different embodiments of the present invention. Fig 2 discloses an appreciating means 9 in the form of a milk measuring device

comprising a container 10 arranged to collect the milk produced during one milking operation. The milk measuring device comprises a sensor 11 arranged to sense the quantity of milk collected during the milking operation and transfer the sensed 5 quantity to the processing unit 6. When the processing unit 6 has registered the milk quantity, a valve 12 is opened in order to convey the milk collected to the milk-receiving member of the milking machine. It is to be noted that also other types of milk measuring devices may be employed when realising the present 10 invention, for instance the liquid measuring device disclosed in US-A-5 116 119.

The appreciating means 9 may also be realised by a device merely arranged to indicate whether there is a milk flow or not. Such a 15 device is for instance disclosed in EP-B-137 367 mentioned above. Thereby the time measuring unit 8 may be arranged to measure the duration of the milking period, i.e. the time interval from the beginning of the milk flow through the conduit 5 until the end of the 20 milk flow. It is appreciated that the duration of the milking operation reflects the quantity of milk produced during said milking operation, i.e. the interval appreciated forms said parameter.

According to an embodiment, the processing unit 6 is arranged to compare said parameter related to the quantity of milk from the two 25 front teatcups 1, 4 or from the two rear teatcups 2, 3. In this case no time measuring unit 8 is necessary. Merely the fact that the quantity of milk form one of the front teats or the rear teats deviates from the other front teat and rear teat, respectively, is an indication that the actual teat may be inflamed by mastitis.

30 According to another embodiment, the processing unit 6 is arranged to compare said parameter between the actual milking operation and at least one previous milking operation. A deviation in quantity in the actual milking operation is an indication that the 35 teat may be inflamed by mastitis. In this embodiment the processing unit 6 comprises a memory 13 arranged to store

historical data regarding said parameter of one or more previous milking operations for each teat. Preferably, an average value of said parameter of a great number of previous milking operations may be calculated by means of the processing unit 6. This average  
5 value may then be stored in the memory 13 and included in said comparison value.

It is to be noted that the comparison value is based on the parameter of another teat during one milking operation but  
10 historical data from one or several preceding milking operations may also be considered, as a supplementary information, when defining the comparison value in order to reduce any source of error.

15 It is also possible to define said parameter as the quantity of milk produced during a determined period of time by one teat of an animal, for instance during 24 hours, or by the total duration of milking during a determined period of time, i.e. the total time period when milk is actually flowing from a teat during 24 hours.

20 The present invention is not limited to the embodiments described above but may be varied and modified within the scope of the following claims.

Claims

1. A device for detecting a disease of the udder of an animal, comprising means (9) for appreciating a parameter related to the quantity of milk extracted from a first teat and at least a second teat of said animal during at least one milking operation, means (6) arranged to determine a deviation of said parameter of the first teat from a comparison value, and means (7) arranged to display said deviation as an indication of an inflammation of the first teat at least in the case that said deviation exceeds a certain level,  
characterized in that the determining means (6) is arranged to define said comparison value by including the level of said parameter regarding said second teat during said milking operation.
- 15 2. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the first teat and said second teat form one of a rearward pair of teats of the udder or a forward pair of teats of the udder.
- 20 3. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that said comparison value includes the level of said parameter of at least one preceding milking operation of said animal.
- 25 4. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the determining means (6, 8) is arranged to consider the time interval between the milking operation and the immediately preceding milking operation of said animal for determining said deviation.
- 30 5. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that said parameter includes the quantity of milk produced during said milking operation and that the appreciating means (9) includes a milk measuring device.
- 35 6. A device according to claim 5, characterized in that the milk measuring device (9) includes a flow meter.

7. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that said parameter includes the time duration of said milking operation and that the appreciating means includes a time measuring device (8).
8. A method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal, comprising the steps of:  
appreciating a parameter related to the quantity of milk extracted  
from a first teat and at least a second teat of said animal during at  
least one milking operation,  
defining a comparison value by the level of said parameter  
regarding said second teat during said milking operation,  
determining a deviation of said parameter of the first teat from said  
comparison value, and  
indicating an inflammation of the first teat at least in the case that  
said deviation exceeds a certain level.
9. A method according to claim 8, comprising the further step  
of:  
displaying said deviation as an indication of an inflammation of the  
first teat in the case that said deviation exceeds a certain level.
10. A method according to any of claim 8 and 9, wherein the first  
said teat and said second teat form one of a rearward pair of teats  
of the udder or a forward pair of teats of the udder.
11. A method according to any one of claims 8 to 10, wherein  
said comparison value includes the level of said parameter of at  
least one preceding milking operation of said animal.
12. A method according to claim 11, comprising the step of:  
considering the time interval between said milking operation and  
the nearest preceding milking operation of said animal when  
determining said deviation.

13. A method according to any one of claims 8 to 12, wherein said appreciating step includes measuring the quantity of milk extracted from the actual teat during said milking operation.
- 5 14. A method according to any one of claims 8 to 13, wherein said appreciating step includes measuring the time duration of one milking operation of the actual teat.

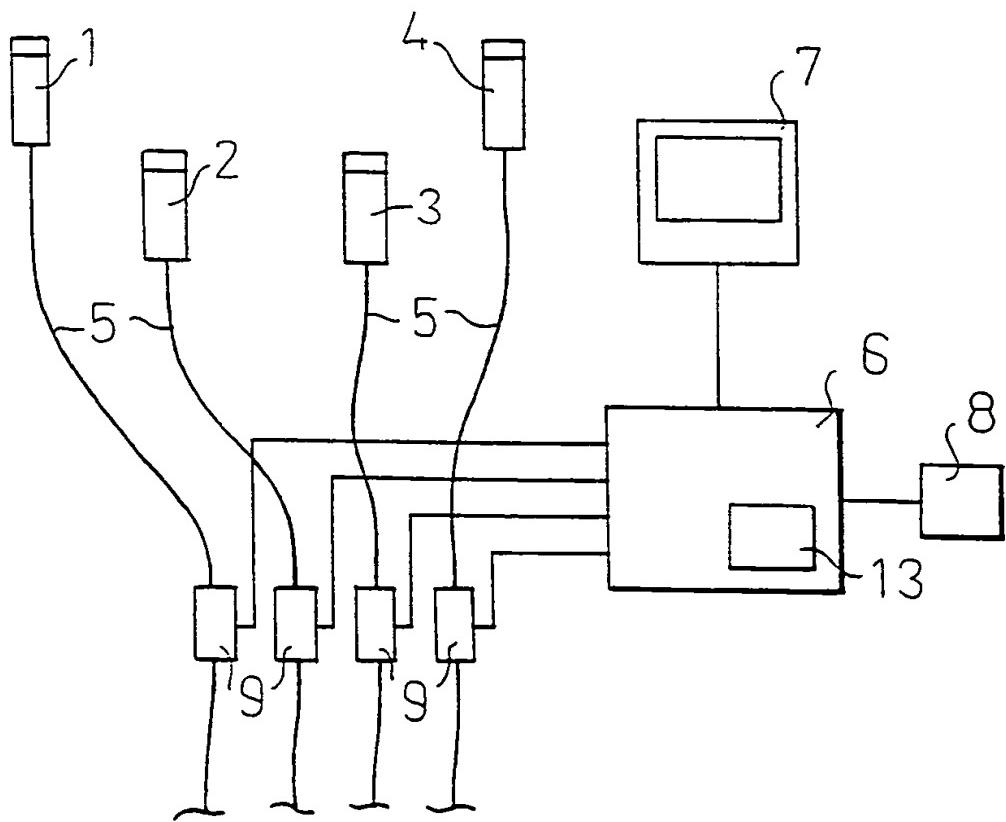
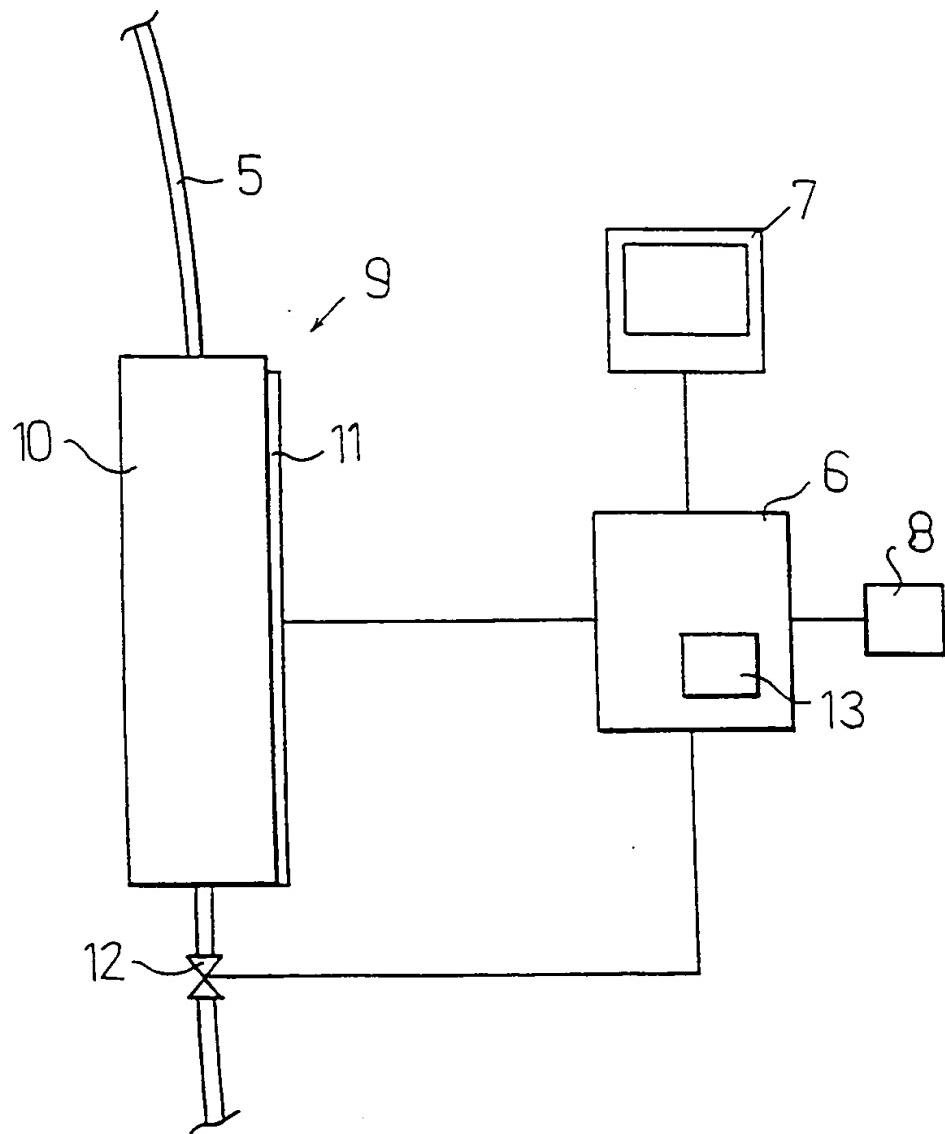
Fig 1

Fig 2

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5016569 A (MOSKVIN), 21 May 1991 (21.05.91), column 1, line 12 - line 29  --	
A	Patent Abstracts of Japan, abstract of JP 5-317343 A (KUBOTA CORP), 3 December 1993 (03.12.93)  --	
A	EP 0534564 A2 (C VAN DER LELY N.V.), 31 March 1993 (31.03.93), claims 21,34  --	
A	EP 0657098 A1 (N.V. NEDERLANDSCHE APPARATENFABRIEK NEDAP), 14 June 1995 (14.06.95)  --	

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT 51070 sb/lt	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/SE99/01276	International filing date (day/month/year) 15.07.1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 31.07.1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 A 01 J 5/013		
Applicant Alfa Laval Agri Ab et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 25.01.2000	Date of completion of this report 02.11.2000	
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE99/01276

**I. Basis of the report****1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*** the international application as originally filed the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

 the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19

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**2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.**

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).**3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:** contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.**4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:** the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ the drawings, sheet/fig. \_\_\_\_\_**5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).\*\***

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a device for and a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal, and it comprises means for measuring milk flow from at least two teats of the udder and comparing these values and determining a deviation from a predetermined comparison value, which would indicate disease.

The cited US 5016569 reveals a method and device for detecting disease of a cow's udder by measuring the flow and milking time for each udder quarter and comparing these values with a predetermined value. A set deviation would indicate disease.

The cited Japanese abstract JP 5317343 teaches how to diagnose mastitis at an early stage by measuring the milk quantity for each teat, calculating the ratio of this value with the value of the total milk quantity from the udder, and comparing this ratio with previous values.

The cited EP 0534564 shows a method where inter alia the milk flow or milk quantity from each teat on an udder is measured and compared to some set value thereby indicating an abnormality.

The present method differs in that it measures the milk flow from the teats and compares these values in pairs. Cf. claim 2 where the pair is either the forward pair or the rearward pair.

The invention is novel and not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention is industrially applicable.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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## CHAPTER II

### DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>	
International application No.  PCT/SE99/01276	International filing date (day/month/year)  15/07/99
Title of invention  "A device for and a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal"	
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Statement concerning amendments:<sup>\*</sup>

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the description  as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims  as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings  as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2.  The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3.  The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

- \* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

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| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Stockholm, 25 January 2000

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3.  The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

The applicant has been informed accordingly.

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## FEE CALCULATION SHEET

## Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

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**Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION**

"A device for and a method of detecting a disease of the udder of an animal"

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